

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1086 - SB 1381

March 7, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that no more than 20 percent of funds awarded from the Child Safety Fund be used for the expenses incurred during the administration of a child passenger safety system distribution program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-9-602 (f), the Child Safety Fund (Fund) is a special revolving fund established within the general fund of the state.
- Revenue into the Fund is provided from fines levied against those violating state law with regards to child passenger safety restraint systems. The clerk of an appropriate court collects such fines and sends it to the state.
- The Department of Health (DOH) determines equitable distribution of Fund dollars. Currently, these funds are provided to distribution programs which purchase child passenger safety systems (e.g. car seats and booster seats) to be loaned or given to a parent or guardian of a child.
- Allowing 20 percent of funds collected to be used for administrative expenses incurred by a child passenger safety system distribution program will decrease the number of car seats and booster seats that can be purchased.
- Based on information provided by DOH, in FY13-14, \$183,588 was provided to distribution agencies for purchasing and distributing car seats and booster seats.
- This legislation would allow up to \$36,718 to be used by such distribution agencies to offset administrative costs (\$183,588 x .20). This number will fluctuate depending on total revenue collected into the Fund.
- This legislation will not affect the total amount of collections realized by the Fund, nor will it affect the total amount of disbursements from the Fund.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffery A. Spalding".

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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